each item of expenditure incurred in the year 1101, in the year 1102 up-to-date by the Government from item 31 (3) 'Subscriptions and Donations' and 31 (10) 'Miscellaneous and Unforeseen charges' of the budget of the State and the date of expenditure in each case ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The Government regret that the details under 31 (3) 'Subscriptions and Donations' cannot be published consistently with public interest.

A statement showing the details of expenditure under 'Miscellaneous and Unforeseen charges' is appended. (*Vide Appendix IV.*)

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Why is it that the details cannot be published ?

President.—It is not consistent with public interest.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Why is it ?

President.—For receiving a certain guest we have to spend Rs. 5, for receiving another it may be Rs. 25, and these are matters which ought not to be disclosed. We are not to publish what we spend upon our hospitality. The left hand should not know what the right hand gives.

144. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to furnish date-war details of expenditure under the head 'Miscellaneous', "Subscriptions and donations" in 1101 with particulars of credit to the same head by abatement of charge or by transfer?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The Member is referred to the answer given to question No. 143.

The Co-operative Department.

145. Mr. K. S. Rama Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) for how long after the passing of the Co-operative Societies Regulation was the movement in the charge of officers burdened with other duties ;

(2) when did the Government apply for the service of a trained officer from the Madras Presidency ;

(3) whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table the report submitted by the new officer soon after he took charge ;

(4) how many societies were there when the new officer took charge; how many were registered since then, how many were cancelled; how many are working now ;

(5) have the Government of India at any time appreciated the progress of the movement in the State; if so, in what terms;

(6) have the Government compared the figures of the State with those for the other parts of India;

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(7) do the Government know how many societies are placed in charge of an Inspector in the Madras Presidency and in Mysore ; if so, what is it;

(8) how many Inspectors are there in the State, and what is the number of societies that each Inspector is in charge of ;

(9) has the Registrar at any time recommended for any reorganisation or strengthening of the staff; if so, when; if not, have the Government at any time asked him to explain why he has not done it ;

(10) have the Government received petitions at any time during 1100, 1101 or 1102 that the Registrar is delaying or evading registration of new societies ; if so, how many; what does the Registrar say in answer to these petitions;

(11) has the attention of the Government been drawn to the remarks made by the Member for Chalakkudi in his speech in Council on 23rd Meenam 1102, page 789, Official Report; have the Government asked the Registrar to report upon these; has he submitted any report; if so, what is it ;

(12) have not the Government recognised that co-operation is developing only on the credit side, and that the ever-so many other sides are left uncared for; have the Government asked the Registrar to explain the reason for all this state of things; has he submitted any report; if so, what is it;

(13) have the Government received any petitions about factions in societies in 1100, 1101 or 1102; if so, how many;

(14) what action have the Government taken with regard to the resolution passed at the Meenam sitting of the Council, (1102) or what action does it propose to take?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(1) About one year and seven months.

(2) In 1089.

(3) The report is placed on the Council Secretary's table.

(4) No. of societies then 6
Do since registered 167
Do cancelled 20
Do now working 144

(5) Yes ; please see *Appendix V.*

(6) Yes.

(7) Up-to-date information is not available. The number appears to be between 25--28.

(8) Three Inspectors with 46, 47 and 51 Societies respectively. The appointment of a temporary Inspector has recently been sanctioned.

(9) Yes; almost every year from 1098.

(10) Yes. Three petitions in 1102. The Registrar's plea was want of staff.

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(11) Yes. No report has been called for from the Registrar.

(12) Government have seen co-operation developing on the credit side, but they cannot subscribe to the proposition that the other sides are uncared for. The Member is also referred to para 28 of *the Report on the Administration of th Co-operative Department for 1101*. No report has been called for from the Registrar.

(13) Yes. Four.

(14) The Member is referred to part one of the Cochin Government Gazette, dated 7th Karkadagam 1102.

The improvement of the Panchayat Administration.

146. **Mr. I. E. Ambooken.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are taking any steps for the improvement of the Panchayat administration and its functions ; if so, what are they ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The question is too general to be specifically answered.

The compilation of *the Panchayat Code*.

147. **Mr. I. E. Ambooken.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that a *Panchayat Code* is in preparation; and if so, will they be pleased to state whether they will obtain suggestions and opinions of all the Panchayats before they put it in force?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Government have sanctioned the compilation into a manual of all notifications and orders of a general nature issued from time to time. This does not require a reference to the Panchayats.

Resolutions passed at public meetings regardingan elected President for the Legislative Council.

148. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**— With reference to question No. 367 of Kumbham meeting of 1102, will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether the Government have received resolutions passed at public meetings in the course of the last two years relating to the matter mentioned in the above question;

(b) from how many places such resolutions were received;

(c) whether copies of the resolutions received be placed on the table ;

(d) whether these resolutions have been considered by the Government ; and if so,

(e) what action has been taken in this matter ;

(f) whether the Government be pleased to place on the table the papers relating to this matter ?

(a) **Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.**—Yes.

(b) Four, as far as can be ascertained.

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APPENDIX V.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 145.)

Letter P. No. 1268/25, dated 27th June 1925, from the Agent to the Governor-General, Madras States.

The Government of India have observed that considerable development in the Co-operative movement has taken place in the Cochin State and they would be glad to include statistics for Cochin in the Annual Report on the progress of the Co-operative Movement in India. I shall therefore be obliged if you will be so good as to furnish the latest statistics on the subject in the enclosed form.

APPENDIX VI.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 148.)

Resolution passed at the public meeting held at Ernakulam on the 30th of November 1926.

This meeting most humbly and respectfully prays that the benign Government of His Highness the Maharaja may be pleased to amend the Legislative Council Regulation and Rules at an early date so as to give his beloved subjects a non-official elected President for the Legislative Council and further Constitutional Reforms enabling the people to reap the full benefits expected of the Council.

Moved by Mr. A. B. Salem, B. A. and B. L., M. L. C.

Seconded by Mr. K. S. Rama Ayyar, M. L. C.

Resolution passed at a public meeting held at Cherpu on the 8th of December 1926.

This meeting of the public at Cherpu endorses the view of the all-Cochin Public Meeting held at Ernakulam on the 30th November 1926 under the Chairmanship of Mr. A. Sankara Puduval, B. A. and B. L., demanding an elected President in place of the Diwan-President for the Cochin Legislative Council, and is of opinion that the time has arrived for the change and for further Constitutional Reforms.

Resolution passed at a public meeting of the citizens of Irinjalakkuda on the 7th of December 1926.

This meeting of the citizens of Irinjalakkuda fully endorses the view expressed by the public meeting at Ernakulam held under the Chairmanship of Mr. A. Sankara Puduval, B. A. and B. L., Member for Trichur, in the Cochin Legislative Council demanding an elected President for the Legislative Council in place of the Diwan-President and places on record its opinion that the time immediately and for other Constitutional Reforms is now ripe.

Resolution passed at a meeting of the public at Trichur on the 23rd December 1926.

This meeting of the public of Trichur respectfully beg to submit that the Government will be pleased to take steps to amend the Cochin Legislative Council Regulation VIII of 1098 and give the Cochin Legislative Council the privilege of having an elected President to enable the people to reap the full benefits of a Legislative Council, as all the British Indian Councils have elected Presidents now.

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